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SUBJECT: RUSSIA SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO COUNTER ILLICIT DIAMOND
ACTIVITY IN ZIMBABWE

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1. (SBU) Post delivered reftel points concerning illicit diamond activity in Zimbabwe to Vladimir Borisjuk, Acting Deputy Director of the MFA's Department of Economic Cooperation. Borisjuk told us the GOR was aware of the diamond trading trends in Zimbabwe. He maintained that the GOR would continue to urge Russian firms investing and operating abroad to conduct their business activities in a transparent fashion.

2. (SBU) Borisjuk added the GOR would continue to uphold its participation in the Kimberley Process. He said the GOR was also working with a variety of Russian natural resources firms to improve methods of safeguarding the integrity of the mineral resources they extract and sell, at home and abroad.
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